

Practical information for the 14th ERDN Conference

Budapest, 3-5 October 2016

Welcome to Budapest! The national currency of Hungary is the Forint (HUF) and the exchange rate is approximately EUR 1 = HUF 310. The simplest way to obtain cash is to withdraw it from an ATM using your debit card, but there are plenty of exchange offices that will change all major currencies without commission. You are likely to get a more favourable exchange rate in Hungary than in your own country. There is no logic in, for example, changing GBP into EUR before travelling.

Take reasonable care of your valuables, but in general Budapest is a very safe city.

Transfer from Budapest Liszt Ferenc airport to your hotel or AKI

The airport website is <http://www.bud.hu/english>

Public transport in Budapest is well regulated and safe.

Taxi

Simply follow the signs to the ‘Főtaxi’ booth just outside the arrivals lounge where you can reserve a taxi provided by the airport’s official partner. A ride to the city centre or hotel should typically cost around 6500 HUF (EUR 22) depending on traffic conditions. You can pay by credit card and can ask for a receipt (*számla* in Hungarian, pronounced ‘samla’).

See http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_taxi

Bus, metro and tram

The city transport authority is known as ‘BKK’ and their website is <http://www.bkk.hu/en/main-page/news/>. Here you can download a lot of useful information including maps. However, the BKK introductory leaflet accompanying this guide will tell you most of what you need to know. There are BKK Customer Service Points at:

- Terminal 2A arrivals level, open: 08:00–22:00
- Terminal 2B arrivals level, open: 09:00–21:00

See page 5 of the BKK leaflet for some ticket options:

- 24-hour travelcard for unlimited travel for 24 hours [*not* just one day] for one person.
Cost: HUF 1,650
- 72-hour travelcard for unlimited travel for 72 hours (three days) in a row. Cost: HUF 4,150
- 5/30 24-hour travelcard for unlimited travel for up to five days in a 30 day period.
Cost: HUF 4,550

If you arrive when the customer service points are closed, you can buy a ticket (*jegy* in Hungarian, pronounced something like ‘yedj’) from the driver of bus 200E for HUF 450. Remember to cancel it immediately upon purchase! (Travelcards do not need cancelling).

There is a very nice map of the key bus, metro and tram routes on pp.12-13 of the BKK leaflet. The airport is located at the bottom right-hand corner. The Novotel Budapest City Hotel, where most conference participants are staying) is located very close to BAH-csomópont at the intersection of bus route 8 and tram routes 17 and 61.

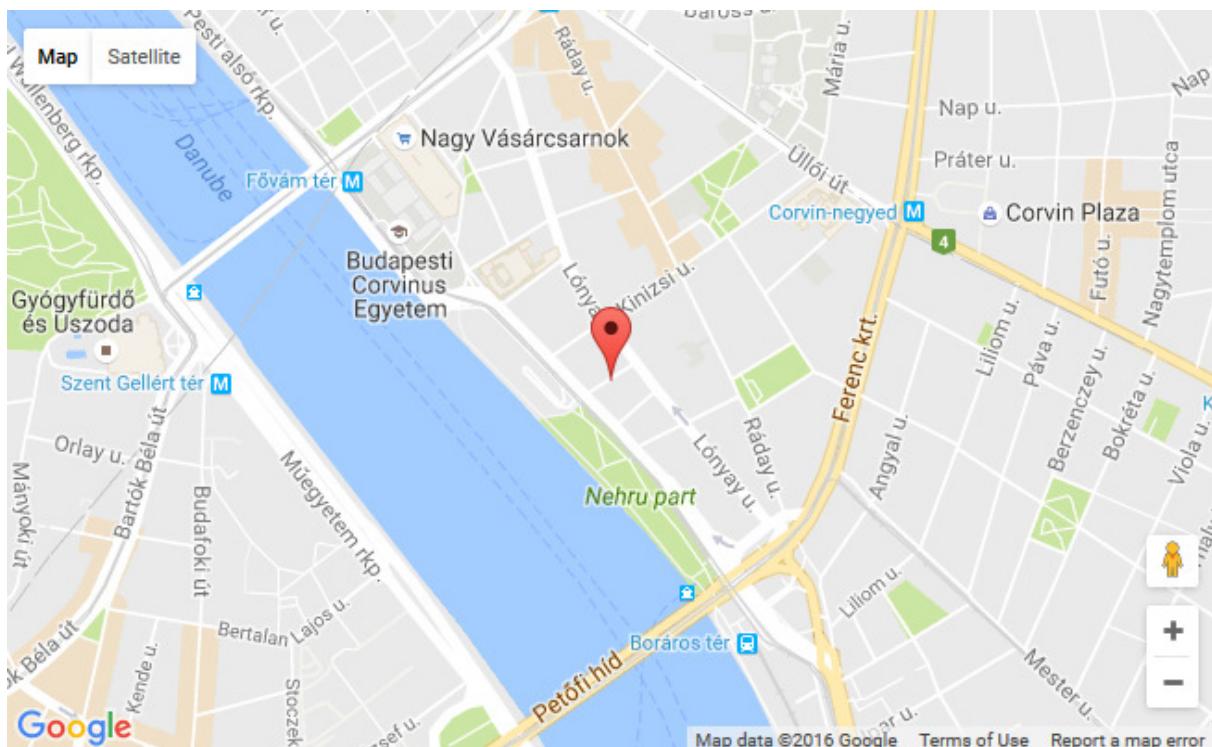
See also http://www.bud.hu/english/passengers/access_and_parking/by_public_transportation

Conference venues

Session 0 (Monday morning): AKI

The pre-conference session will be held in the ground floor conference room of AKI on Monday 3 October from 10.00 to 13.15. The official name and address are as follows:

Agrárgazdasági Kutató Intézet
Zsil utca 3-5
1093 Budapest
Tel: (+36) 1217 1011 – Fax: (+36) 1217 7037
Email: aki@aki.gov.hu



The building is located very close to the river Danube and around ten minutes walk from the Corvin Negyed metro station of line M3 (the blue line) and Fővám tér metro station of line M4 (the green line).

We urge you to come to AKI by public transport. To reach AKI from the Novotel Budapest City Hotel, referring to the map on pp.12-13 of the BKK leaflet, simply take tram numbers 17 or 61 to the green metro station at Móricz Zsigmond körtér. From here take the M4 to Fővám tér. You will probably be expected to show your ticket as you enter the metro station. If you are really lazy you can then take tram number 2 for just one stop to Zsil utca.

Only very limited car parking is available close to AKI. Contact Andrew Fieldsend (andrew.fieldsend@aki.gov.hu) if you expect to need to park a car close to the Institute.

Sessions 1 and 2 (Monday afternoon): Novotel Budapest City Hotel

This is the hotel where most of the conference participants will be staying:

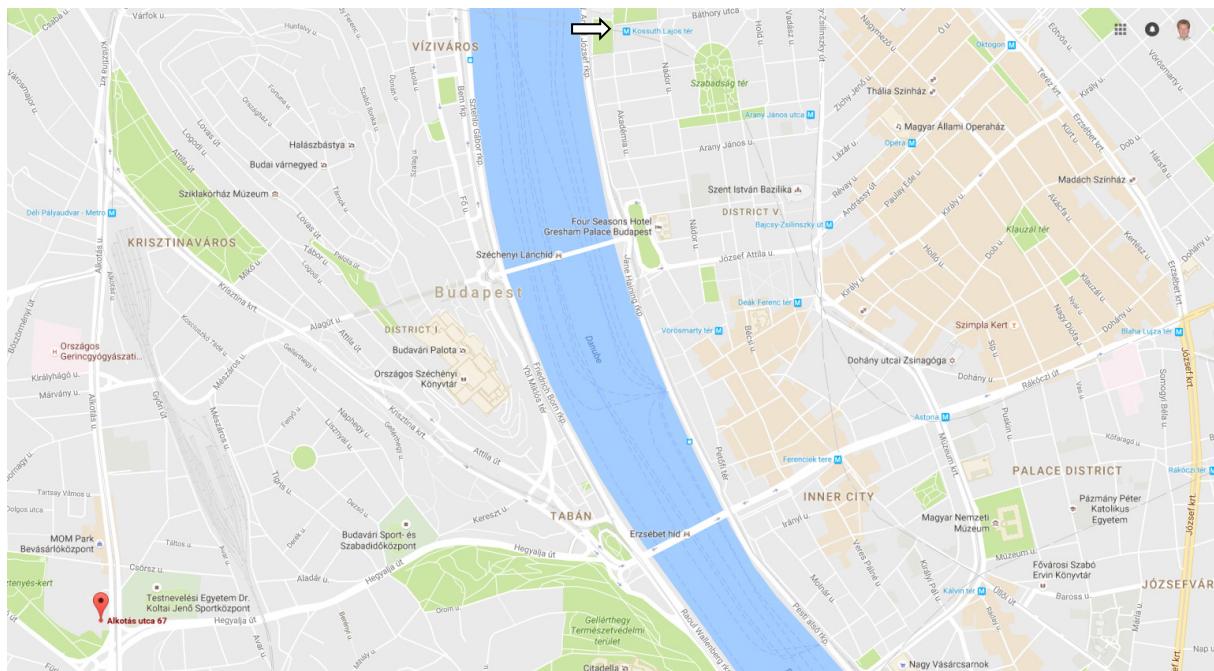
Alkotás utca 63-67

1123 Budapest

Tel: (+36) 1372 5400 – Fax: (+36) 1466 5636

Email: H0511@accor.com

Website: <http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-0511-novotel-budapest-city/index.shtml>



Hotel indicated by red spot, Kossuth Lajos tér metro station by white arrow.

Formal conference registration will open at 13.00. Monday evening dinner will be held in the hotel. Car parking is available at the hotel but there is a charge for this that you should settle directly with the hotel.

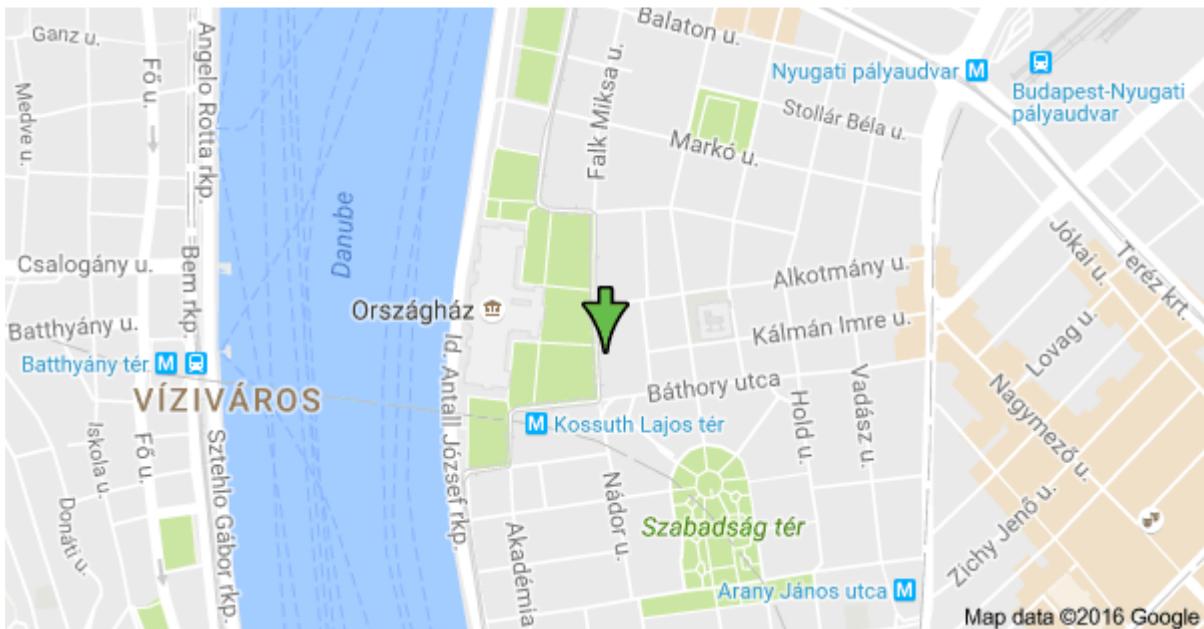
Sessions 3-8 (Tuesday and Wednesday): Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture

The official name and address of the Ministry are as follows:

Földművelésügyi Minisztérium

Kossuth Lajos tér 11

1055 Budapest



We urge you to come to the Ministry by public transport. The building is located very close to the Hungarian Parliament building and to the Kossuth Lajos tér metro station of line M2 (the red line) – just a five minute walk.

Just inside the main entrance to the building you should turn left into the reception office and introduce yourself. It will be sufficient to say ‘*konferencia*’. The receptionist will then register you as a visitor to the building. After that, pass through the turnstile and the conference desk will be directly in front of you.

To reach the Ministry of Agriculture from the Novotel Budapest City Hotel, referring to the map on pp.12-13 of the BKK leaflet, simply take tram numbers 17 or 61 to the red metro terminus at Déli pályaudvar (southern railway station). From here take the M2 to Kossuth Lajos tér. You will probably be expected to show your ticket as you enter the metro station.

Emergency telephone number

If you have a problem, you can call Andrew Fieldsend on his mobile (+36) 20 350 9090.